



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call  
Friday, December 04, 2015  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

### Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair  
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair  
Jay Kehne  
Dave Graybill  
Kim Thorburn  
Miranda Wecker  
Jay Holzmillner

### Public:

Lewis Boyd (Mill Creek)

### Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Julie Sandberg  
Clay Sprague  
Michelle Dunlop

### Commission Staff

Tami Lininger

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Vice Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### A. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

The Commission considered approval of a 63-acre land transaction in Cowlitz County recommended by the Department adding to the Merrill Lake Project for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the Land Transaction as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Holzmillner was not on the call at the time.

### B. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission approved the conference call minutes.

- November 20, 2015 – conference call

No one signed up to provide comments.

Commissioner Graybill moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the November 20, 2015 minutes as presented. Commissioner Wecker abstained as she was not on the call. All others were in favor and the motion passed.

### C. General Discussion

Commissioners and the Director discussed recent activities and items of interest.

- Fisher release
- Tribal hunting issues and challenges

- Point No Point boat ramp
- Wild Steelhead Gene Banks
- Ann Larson's resignation – The Commission thanked Ann and wished her the best.
- Director at IGBC meetings next week
- Update on Grays Harbor
- Preparation for Port Townsend meeting
- January meeting in Vancouver – possibly meet with Oregon Commission

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant